

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the present application and for indicating that claims 1-3 contain allowable subject matter.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-11 were pending in the referenced application. By way of this reply, claim 12 has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-11 have been amended to correct informalities and to place the claims in proper dependent form as indicated by the Examiner. New claim 12 has been added in accordance with the removal of the multiple dependency of claims. Support for the amendments, may be found, for example, in the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added by any of the aforementioned amendments. Claim 1 is independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. In view of the nature of the above amendments, for the Examiner's convenience, a clean version of the claim set is attached.

Claim Objections

Claims 4-11 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) because of improper multiple dependencies. The claims have been amended to place the claims in proper dependent form as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended to address the concerns raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

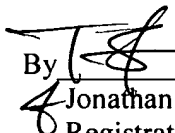
As discussed previously, claims 1-3 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2. Also, claims 4-11 have been amended to correct their dependency. Accordingly, all pending claims 1-12 are now believed to be allowable. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17170/005001).

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Attachment: (Clean Version of Claim Set)